

## REMARKS

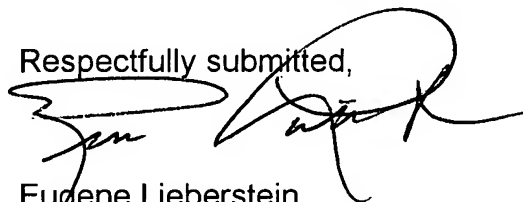
Claim 3 has been amended into an independent claim which includes the limitations of claims 1 and 2, as suggested by the Examiner on page 5 of the outstanding Office Communication.

Accordingly, claim 3 should now be in condition for allowance and the objection to this claim should be withdrawn.

Claims 1 and 2 and 4-8 have been canceled. This renders the rejection of claims 1, 2 and 4-8 moot.

Reconsideration and allowance of claim 3 is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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